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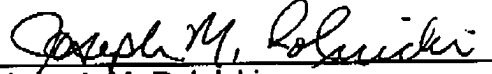
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND STATUS INQUIRY

A Final Rejection was issued in the above-referenced patent application on October 29, 2003.

In response to the Final Rejection and to simplify issues for Appeal, an Amendment After Final Rejection To Put Application Into Better Form For Appeal was filed in the above-referenced application with a Certificate of Mailing dated January 16, 2004. As of the date of this Status Inquiry, no acknowledgement of this Amendment has been received from the Patent Office.

A Notice of Appeal was filed in the above-referenced patent application with a Certificate of Mailing of January 29, 2004. As of the date of this Status Inquiry, no acknowledgement of the Notice of Appeal has been received from the Patent Office.

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A Supplement to the Amendment After Final Rejection was filed in the above-referenced patent application by facsimile transmission on March 25, 2004. The Supplement pointed out that the Final Rejection was premature, and therefore should be withdrawn and the Amendment After Final Rejection should be entered. As of the date of this Status Inquiry, no acknowledgment of the Supplement has been received from the Patent Office.

The Supplement to the Amendment After Final Rejection was refilled by facsimile transmission on March 26, 2004, being transmitted to telephone number 703-872-9306. An Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission has been received for this copy of the Supplement.

In April of 2004, a telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner handling the examination of the application. In the telephone interview, it was pointed out that the Final Rejection was premature, and therefore the Amendment After Final Rejection should be entered. In the telephone interview, the Examiner acknowledged that the Final Rejection was premature, and stated that a new Office Action would be issued setting a new period for response.

As of the date of this Status Inquiry, no further communications have been received from the Patent Office. It is respectfully requested that Applicant's attorney be promptly notified of the current status of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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